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SUBJECT NPG-NOVEMBER 17 NPG STAFF GROUP MEETING

SUMMARY: AT THE NOVEMBER 17 MEETING, THE NPG STAFF GROUP DISCUSSED WORK WHICH IT COULD UNDERTAKE NOW IN PREPARATION FOR THE SPRING 1976 NPG MINISTERIAL MEETING. SG DISCUSSION CENTERED AROUND POSSIBLE WORK ON CNI PROCEDURES. CANADAIAN REP CIRCULATED A PAPER REGARDING FUTURE WORK ON CNI PROCEDURES AND CANADAIAN VIEWS ON REVISION OF THE PERMREPS PROGRESS REPORT OB CNI-MEWSSAGES OF WARNING (NPG/D(75)9). TURKISH REP (OZCERI) INFORMED SG THAT TUKEY WAS CONSIDERING JOINING THE PHASE III WORKING GROUP. END SUMMARY..

1. AT THE NOVEMBER 17 MEETING, THE NPG STAFF GROUP DISCUSSED WORK WHICH IT COULD UNDERTAKE NOW IN PREPARATION FOR THE SPRING 1976 NPG MINISTERIAL MEETING. SG CHAIRMAN (SHEARER) STATED THAT PREPARATION FOR THE FALL 1975 MINISTERIAL MEETING WAS COMPLETE, AND HE DID NOT ENVISION THE NEED FOR ANY WORK WHICH WOULD AFFECT AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE POSTPOINED MEETING. CHAIRMAN SUGGESTED THAT
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SOME PRELIMINARY ORGANIZATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR PHASE III MIGHT BE UNDERTAKEN ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT MINISTERS WOULD APPROVE THE PHASE III REPORT (NPG/D(75)7). HE ALSO RAISED THE POSSIBILITY OF

BEGINNING WORK ON THE POLITICAL ASPECTS OF THE SCENARIO ILLUSTRATING RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN CONSULTATION PROCEDURES (PO/75/128, PARA 7).

2. CHAIRMAN STATED THAT THE MOST FRUITFUL AREA FOR IMMEDIATE SG ATTENTION WAS CNI PROCEDURES, SINCE MINISTERS ALREADY HAD APPROVED WORK ON THIS SUBJECT AT MONTEREY. CANADIAN REP (HAMLIN) SUGGESTED THAT IS PREPARE AN INITIAL DRAFT OF CNI PROCEDURES TO PROVIDE A MEANS FOR THE NPG COUNTRIES TO EVALUATE THE DESIRABILITY OF SUCH PROCEDURES. NETHERLANDS REP (VAN VALDEREN) SUPPORTED THIS SUGGESTION, AS DID UK REP (BEAUMONT), WHO EMPHASIZED THAT MESSAGES OF WARNING AND CNI PROCEDURES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED SEPARATELY. US REP (WOODWORTH) NOTED THAT SINCE MINISTERS MAY REQUEST SOME FURTHER WORK ON MESSAGES OF WARNING IN LIGHT OF CANADIAN VIEWS, ANY CNI PROCEDURES MIGHT BE AFFECTED. FRG REP (HUBER) SUGGESTED TAKING NO ACTION ON EITHER MESSAGES OF WARNING OF CNI PROCEDURES UNTIL AFTER THE POSTPONED FALL 1975 NPG MINISTERIAL MEETING THIS VIEW HAD NO SUPPORT, AND CHAIRMAN STATED THAT IS WILL DRAFT A SHORT SET OF PROCEDURES, SUITABLE FOR INCLUSION IN THE DRAFT COMPILATION OF NUCLEAR CONSULTATION PROCEDURES (NPG(STAFF GROUP) WP(75)7(REVISED)). IF NPG MEMBERS THEN DETERMINED THAT SUCH PROCEDURES WERE WARRANTED, THE STAFF GROUP WOULD TAKE THEM UNDER MORE DETAILED AND SUBSTANTIVE STUDY. CHAIRMAN STATED THAT HE EXPECTED TO CIRCULATE THE DRAFT PROCEDURES BY NOVEMBER 24.

3. CANADIAN REP CIRCULATED A PAPER, WHICH FOLLOWS BELOW IN PARA 5, REGARDING CANADIAN VIEWS OF THE PERMREPS PROGRESS REPORT ON MESSAGES OF WARNING. HE STATED THAT CANADA DESIRED FURTHER REVISION OF THE REPORT IN ORDER TO CLARIFY THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN PRE AND POST NUCLEAR USE DECISION MESSAGES OF WARNING. UK REP, SUPPORTED BY FRG REP, AID THAT SINCE CANADA
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WAS SEEKING REVISION OF THE REPORT, A DETAILED, LINE BY LINE REDRAFT OF THE REPORT BY CANADA WOULD BE MORE USEFUL THAN THE GENERAL OUTLINE THAT THEY HAD PROVIDED. UK REP ALSO NOTED WHAT HE REGARDED AS AN APPARENT LACK OF ENTHUSIASM FOR A MAJOR REVISION OF THE PERMREPS REPORT ON MESSAGES OF WARNING. SG CHAIRMAN ASKED CANADIAN REP TO PROVIDE A MORE DETAILED RATIONALE FOR INCLUDING MESSAGES OF WARNING AND CNI PROCEDURES IN THE SAME REPORT. COMMENT: OUR COMMENTS ON CNI PROCEDURES AND MESSAGES OF WARNING ARE REPEATED SEPTEL. END COMMENT.

4. TURKISH REP STATED THAT TURKEY WAS CONSIDERING

JOINING THE PHASE III WORKING GROUP AND THAT HE WOULD
INFORM THE SG AS SOON AS A FINAL DECISION WAS REACHED.
UK REP NOTED THAT IF TURKEY JOINED THE WORKING GROUP,
IT WOULD HAVE SEVEN MEMBERS AND WOULD CALL INTO
QUESTION THE ORIGINAL CONCEPT OF A SMALL WORKING GROUP
INTERACTING WITH THE ENTIRE NPG STAFF GROUP. CHAIRMAN
ACKNOWLEDGED THIS DIFFICULTY AND STATED THAT IT WAS
A PROBLEM FOR COUNTRIES TO DECIDE. COMMENT:
CLEARLY, THERE ARE PROS AND CONS TO TURKISH WORKING GROUP
PARTICIPATION. HOWEVER, WE SHARE UK REP'S
CONCERN THAT A SEVEN-MEMBER WORKING
GROUP RUNS COUNTER TO THE ORIGINAL CONCEPTION OF A
SMALL WORKING GROUP THAT WOULD DO THE BASIC DRAFTING
OF THE PHASE III DOCUMENT. IF WASHINGTON DOES NOT
WANT TURKEY TO JOIN THE WORKING GROUP, IT WOULD BE
PREFERABLE TO SEEK TO DISSUADE TURKEY BEFORE IT REACHES A
FORMAL DECISION. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON GUIDANCE.

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5. THERE FOLLOWS BELOW THE TEXT OF A CANADIAN PAPER
WITH ITS ACCOMPANYING COVER LETTER REGARDING FUTURE
CNI ACTIVITY BY THE NPG.

BEGIN TEXT OF COVER LETTER:

THE ATTACHED PIECE OF PAPER CONTAINS SOME
CANADIAN THOUGHTS ON FUTURE WORK ON CNI.

I AM SENDING A COPY OF THIS LETTER AND THE
ATTACHMENT TO OUR COLLEAGUES ON THE NPG STAFF GROUP.

END TEXT.

BEGIN TEXT:

IN THE LIGHT OF THE DECISION AT THE PERMANENT
REPRESENTATIVES' MEETING ON OCTOBER 29 AND OF A SUBSEQUENT
SDUSCUSSION IN THE NPG STAFF GROUP, AT WHICH IT WAS SUGGESTED
MEMBERS MIGHT GIVE THOUGHT TO THE WAY IN WHICH FURTHER WORK ON
CNI SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN, THE CANADIAN AUTHORITIES OFFER THE
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FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION.

IN BUILDING ON AND COMPLETING THE VALUABLE WORK DONE
TO DATE INCLUDING THAT ON MESSAGES OF WARNING, THE OBJECTIVE
SHOULD BE TO ENABLE MINISTERS TO ADDRESS CNI IN ITS ENTIRIETY,
POSSIBLY AT THE 1976 MSPRING MINISTERIAL MEETING.

BECAUSE MESSAGES OF WARNING AND CNI PROCEDURES ARE
CLOSELY LINKED, THEY MIGHT WELL BE ENCOMPASSED IN ONE PAPER:
ALTERNATIVELY, THEY COULD BE COVERED IN SEPARATE BUT RELATED
PAPERS AS SOME NPG MEEMBERS MAY PREFER.

AS REGARDS MESSAGES OF WARNING, A REVISION OF THE EXISTING
PAPER SHOULD DISTINGUISH MORE CLEARLY BETWEEN PRE-DECISION AND
POST-DECISION MESSAGES. A SHORT SECTION ON PRE-DECISION MESSAGES
WHICH WOULD COVER MESSAGES BEFORE AND AFTER THE OUTBREAK OF
HOSTILITIES COULD BE FOLLOWED BY A SECTION ON POST-DECISION
MESSAGES WHICH WOULD BE THE MAIN FOCUS OF THE PAPER. IN EACH
SECTION A STATEMENT OF THE AIM OF SUCH A MESSAGE MIGHT BE FOLLOWED
BY THE FACTORS INVOLVED IN DETERMINING WHETHER OR NOT TO SEND A
MESSAGE (INCLUDING WHAT IT IS HOPED TO ACHIEVE BY SENDING A
MESSAGE AND THE UNPREDICABILITY OF SOVIET REACTIONS IN A CRISIS
SITUATION). EACH SECTION MIGHT THEN CONTINUE WITH MENTION OF
CONSULATION ASPECTS AND POSSIBLE CHANNELS FOR SENDING MESSAGES,
WHICH COULD BE MESHED WITH OTHER PROCEDURAL GUIDLINES IF IT WERE
DECIDED TO INCLUDE PROCEDURES IN THE SAME PAPER.

FOR THE DIFFERENT KINDS OF MESSAGES, THE TREATMENT OF
PROCUDURES SHOULD SEEK NOT TO IMPOSE STRICT GUIDLINES ON, BUT
RATHER TO PROVIDE A FLEXIBLE FRAMEWORK FOR, THE DECISION-MAKING
PROCESS, A FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH DIFFERING VIEWS OF DPC MEMBERS
WOULD BE CONSIDERED AND A FINAL DECISION MADE. IN THIS CONNE TION,
THE GUIDLINES MIGHT DRAW ATTENTION TO CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH
THE VIEW OF THE NUCLEAR POWER WOULD PREVAIL. AMONG THE FACTORS
WHICH MIGHT CONSIDERED IN THE GUIDELINES ARE DRAFTING AND
DESPATCH OF MESSAGES AND PROVISIONS FOR EVALUATING THE ENBMY
REPONSE.

WHETHER PROCEDURES ARE TREATED IN THE SAME PAPER AS
MESSAGES OF WARNING OR IN A SEPARATE PAPER, PROCUDURES MIGHT BEST

BE DEALT WITH IN THE FORM OF A CONCISE OUTLINE, WHICH AFTER
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MINISTERIAL CONSIDERATION COULD BE INSERTED IN THE COMPILATION OF
NUCLEAR CONSULTATION PROCEDURES AS A TOOL FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.
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